

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of presenting a user interface, the method comprising:
 - a) providing a proxy user interface for a secondary application activated by a user input;
 - b) displaying settings for a task of the secondary application on the user interface; and
 - c) performing the task after elapse of a predetermined time period, if no input through the proxy interface is received.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises receiving an input through the proxy interface and presenting a user interface for the secondary application.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the proxy user interface is provided as a transparent overlay.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the proxy user interface is arranged on the periphery of the main application window.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the settings displayed are the default settings for the application.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the settings displayed are the current settings for the application.
7. A graphical user interface, comprising:
 - a) An identifier identifying the application for which the user interface is used;
 - b) A settings display, wherein the setting displayed are settings for the application; and
 - c) A timeout timer operable to close the graphical user interface upon expiration.
8. The graphical user interface of claim 8, wherein the timer is visible on the graphical user interface.
9. The graphical user interface of claim 8, wherein the timer is hidden.
10. The graphical user interface of the claim 8, wherein the settings are the default settings for the application.
11. The graphical user interface of claim 8, wherein the settings are the current settings for the application.
12. An article containing machine-readable code that, when executed, causes the machine to:
 - a) provide a proxy user interface for a secondary application activated by a user input;
 - b) display settings for a task of the secondary application on the user interface; and
 - c) perform the task using the settings displayed after elapse of a predetermined time period, if no input through the proxy interface is received.

- 13. The article of claim 13, wherein the article contains further code that, when executed, causes the machine to present a user interface for the secondary application upon reception of an input through the proxy user interface.
- 14. The article of claim 13, wherein the proxy user interface is provided as a transparent overlay of a main application window.
- 15. The article of claim 13, wherein the proxy user interface is provided on the periphery of a main application window.

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